



On January 10 as the king of Spain, his mother and the court were returning from church a man fired a pistol at one of the carriages in the procession. No one was injured, however. The man was promptly arrested and declared that he had not attempted to take the life of the king, but wished to kill the grand chamberlain.

The recent recall of Dr. von Holleben, the German ambassador to the United States, is viewed with satisfaction in British circles, according to dispatches from London. It is said that public opinion in England has been strongly directed against Germany in the Venezuelan affair, and the recall of the German minister is regarded as a humiliation for the Germans.

United States Minister Bowen left Caracas, Venezuela, on January 11 on his way to Washington. He was tendered a great ovation by members of the government, British and German residents of the city and the general public. It is generally believed that his mission to this country is in regard to the arbitration proceedings and the powers are waiting with some anxiety as to the outcome of his visit.

Judge Lucien Boles Otis died at Chicago on January 11 at the age of 83 years. For many years Judge Otis practiced law in Ohio and served as judge of the court of common pleas. It is said that among the members of the bar who practiced at that time in his court were Rutherford B. Hayes, afterward president of the United States, and Morrison R. Wait, afterward chief justice of the United States supreme court.

On January 11 dispatches from Tanger announced that the sultan's troops had been defeated in a battle with the rebels and the sultan had made known his intention to abandon Fez and establish his capital at Rabat. It is said that the foreign ministers at Fez have left for Rabat.

Recent rumors as to the proposed merger of several railroads in Kentucky has led the railroad commissioners of the state to go to New York to investigate the alleged violation of the laws of Kentucky by the combination. Prominent financiers and railroad men have been summoned to appear before the commissioners to give testimony as to the "terms and conditions by which railroads in Kentucky have been combined or acquired."

A dispatch from Boise, Idaho, dated January 11, says: At a joint caucus of the democratic members of the legislature last night James H. Hawley was selected as the candidate for United States senator.

According to special advices from Sofia to a Berlin paper, the chiefs of the Macedonian revolutionary movement in Bulgaria have decided to begin an insurrection on April 1.

On January 12 President John Mitchell issued a circular to mine workers urging them to increase the coal output so as to prevent much of the suffering that is feared on account of the coal shortage. The situation is causing much alarm throughout the country, several places being almost entirely without fuel and the recent severe winter weather tends

to aggravate the situation greatly. In Chicago a special grand jury has been called to investigate the conditions responsible for the coal famine and considerable evidence has been secured against the coal operators and the big mine owners.

The recent announcement that Governor General Taft of the Philippines may be appointed to the supreme bench has caused considerable comment in those islands. The people generally are adverse to having General Taft leave them and petitions have been sent to President Roosevelt urging him to allow them to retain their governor.

James H. Peabody, republican, succeeded James B. Orman, democrat, as governor of Colorado on January 13. The inauguration was witnessed by nearly 20,000 people and was made the occasion of the greatest military parade ever seen in Denver.

A gloomy view of the financial condition of Germany was taken in the opening address of the chancellor to the Prussian diet on January 13. It said that the accounts for 1901 closed with a deficit of 9,375,000 marks and those for the last year were no more satisfactory. For the year of 1903 a demand must be made on public credit for a considerable loan in consequence of the depression in agriculture, trade and industry.

In his inaugural message Governor Murphy of New Jersey called attention to the general view taken of the New Jersey laws in regard to trusts and declared that there were few if any real trusts doing business under the laws of the state, the name being given promiscuously to large corporations of all kinds. Governor Murphy is reported as saying: "In the last three years the corporations organized under our beneficent laws have paid the state \$13,000,000 and for the last three years payments have averaged \$2,227,246. Their capitalization is many billions and the stockholders are hundreds of thousands of people. The state has its obligations to these stockholders. Let us live up to them frankly and manfully and not be ashamed to be honest."

Official information from Mazatlan, Mex., is to the effect that the ravages of the plague still continue. Appeals for assistance have been made and a relief fund started. An appropriation will soon be made by the state for relief purposes.

A scheme in regard to the handling of coal by the dealers of central Illinois was detected on January 14 when it was found that grain cars have been loaded with soft coal and billed as wheat. This coal was then stored in out of the way sidings and held for higher prices, while the need for fuel is great and people are actually suffering for the want of it. In Columbus, O., the charters of six coal companies have been revoked because of their conspiracy to raise prices and limit the output of coal.

A dispatch from Concord, N. H., under date of January 14, says: "Representative Winston Churchill, the novelist, introduced a bill in the legislature today requiring that the constitutions of state and nation be read in the public schools of New Hampshire once a year.

Nebraska Democratic Editors.

To the Democratic Editors of the State of Nebraska: The members of the Nebraska Democratic Editorial association are hereby called to meet in annual session at Grand Island on Tuesday, February 3, 1903, at 1:30 p. m.

All members of the association are expected to be present and we extend to all democratic editors of the state of Nebraska a cordial greeting requesting that those who have not enrolled their names as members be present at Grand Island on February 3 and join us.

The campaign of 1904 is not far off and the campaign of 1903, although not of a national character, is of great importance since it will forecast prevailing conditions and be a public weather vane for the great contest of 1904.

All those doing editorial work in Nebraska who revere the immortal names of Jefferson and Jackson and who love the grand principles of democracy as promoted and defended by Tilden and Bryan are earnestly requested to meet with us and assist in giving vitality and strength to the democratic principles through perfect and harmonious organization of our party in our state.

The executive committee of the association has arranged the following program:

1:45 p. m.—Enrollment of members.
2:00 p. m.—"What can our Associa-

tion Accomplish," F. M. Brown, Sutton Register.

2:15 p. m.—"Democratic Duty," R. B. Walquist, Hastings Democrat.

2:30 p. m.—"Political Allegiance Due to the Democratic Press," John M. Tanner, South Omaha Democrat.

2:45 p. m.—"Letting Well Enough Alone," A. C. Williamson, Pawnee Chief.

3:00 p. m.—"How May We Shackle Cunning as in the Past We Have Shackled Force," D. T. Corcoran, York Democrat.

3:15 p. m.—"Jeffersonian Principles," C. D. Casper, David City Press.

3:30 p. m.—"The Monroe Doctrine," T. J. O'Keefe, Alliance Herald.

3:45 p. m.—"The Ship Subsidy," W. S. Goldie, Wayne Democrat.

4:00 p. m.—"How May We Have Meat to Eat; or the Full Dinner Pail," H. Clay Davis, Falls City News.

4:15 p. m.—Secretary's report and general discussion.

5:00 p. m.—Election of officers and business meeting.

Entertainment by Grand Island citizens.

R. O. ADAMS,
President.

JOHN W. BARNHARD,
Secretary.

Unnecessary.

The barber had about finished shaving the man in the chair, and, passing his hand over his chin investigating, leaned forward and said:

"Shall I go over the chin again?"

"No, thanks," replied the customer, cheerfully; "I think I can remember everything you said."—New York Times.

Subscribers' Advertising Department

The publisher desires to say a few words about this advertising department. It was inaugurated for the purpose of affording an opportunity to those who had something to advertise but did not feel like trying the regular display advertising columns of The Commoner. Primarily it is for those who are not regularly engaged in selling articles of manufacture, but who may have something to sell or may want to purchase something. In short, it was inaugurated as a sort of clearing house for Commoner subscribers. The subscriber who has a farm to sell may find in this department another subscriber who wants to buy a farm. You may want some good man to engage in business with you, and some good man may want to engage in business. The use of this department will bring you together. The publisher of The Commoner spares no ex-

ertion or expense to establish the reliability of all advertisers who patronize this paper. Shrewd and businesslike advertisers know this and realize that the appearance of their advertisements in The Commoner is in itself a strong recommendation. Subscribers are requested to acquaint the publisher with any evidence of the unreliability of any advertiser in this paper. An especially low rate—the lowest in The Commoner—is made for the Subscribers' Advertising Department, 6 cents per word per insertion. For obvious reasons cash must accompany all orders. If you are in doubt as to the best and briefest way to word your advertisement, refer the matter to the publisher. He will compose your advertisement and submit it to you for approval. Address all orders to The Commoner, Lincoln, Neb.

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